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Title : APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MASK
FREE DELIVERY OF AN INSPIRED GAS
MIXTURE AND GAS SAMPLING

Docket No. : 82021-0012 CIP

Customer No. : 24633

MAIL STOP: AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a Response and Amendment in response to the Office Action dated **February 23, 2006** in the above-identified application.

- Applicants petition for an extension of time, the fees for which are set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a), for the total number of months checked below:

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee for Extension of Time</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> first month	\$ 120.00/ 60.00
<input type="checkbox"/> second month	\$ 450.00/ 225.00
<input type="checkbox"/> third month	\$1,020.00/ 510.00

Extension of time fee due with this request: **\$ 0.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a Petition therefore.

Application No. 09/878,922
Response Transmittal dated May 23, 2006

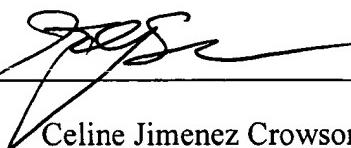
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	CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	PRESENT EXTRA	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	113	MINUS	110	= 3	x 50/25 =	\$ 150.00
INDEP.	4	MINUS	5	= 0	x 200/100 =	\$ 0.00
Month Extension of Time						\$ 0.00
						SUB-TOTAL \$ 0.00
						Reduce by ½ for Small Entity \$.00
						TOTAL \$ 150.00

- No additional fee is required.
- A check in the amount of \$150.00 is attached.
- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 50-1349 the amount of \$
- The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1349.
- Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.
- Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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